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A BILL FOR

1 An Act prohibiting the expenditure of certain public moneys
2 for dues or membership fees to high school organizations
3 that do not meet certain requirements concerning school
4 classifications for extracurricular interscholastic
5 activities.

6 BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF IOWA:

1 Section 1. NEW SECTION. 280.13D Limitation on expenditure
2 of certain public moneys for high school organizations — school
3 classifications.

4 1. For the purposes of this section:

5 a. "*Extracurricular interscholastic activity*" means a contest
6 or competition for academics, arts, music, speech, or sports
7 between different schools and outside the regular scope of a
8 school's curriculum.

9 b. "*Organization*" means a corporation, association,
10 or organization which has as one of its primary purposes
11 the sponsoring or administration of an extracurricular
12 interscholastic activity, but does not include an agency of
13 this state, a public or private school or school board, or an
14 athletic conference or other association whose interscholastic
15 contests or competitions do not include more than twenty-four
16 schools.

17 2. On or after January 1, 2024, a school district or a
18 charter school shall not expend any moneys, and an accredited
19 or unaccredited nonpublic school shall not expend any moneys
20 originating from the state, to pay dues or membership fees
21 to an organization unless the organization, for each school
22 year beginning on or after July 1, 2023, classifies, for the
23 purposes of an extracurricular interscholastic activity, each
24 school participating in an extracurricular interscholastic
25 activity based on the enrollment number, as adjusted pursuant
26 to subsection 3, and the school's recent performance in a
27 respective extracurricular interscholastic activity.

28 3. Each extracurricular interscholastic activity team
29 shall provide an organization with a roster of the students
30 participating on such team at a time prior to the beginning of
31 the season for the extracurricular interscholastic activity.
32 The team's adjusted enrollment number shall be calculated by
33 adding up the total points for each student on the roster.
34 Points shall be determined in the following manner:

35 a. For public schools, not including charter schools:

1 (1) If a student and at least one of that student's parent
2 or guardian live in the school district in which the student
3 participates in the extracurricular interscholastic activity,
4 the student is zero points.

5 (2) If a student or at least one of that student's parent
6 or guardian does not live in the school district in which the
7 student participates in the extracurricular interscholastic
8 activity but the student has been registered as a student in
9 that district since seventh grade, the student is one point.

10 (3) A student that does not meet the requirements of
11 subparagraph (1) or (2) is two points.

12 *b.* For nonpublic schools and charter schools:

13 (1) If a student has continuously attended an educational
14 system associated with the school in which the student
15 participates in the extracurricular interscholastic activity
16 beginning from a time the student entered seventh grade, the
17 student is zero points.

18 (2) If a student has continuously attended an educational
19 system associated with the school in which the student
20 participates in the extracurricular interscholastic activity
21 beginning from a time the student entered tenth grade, the
22 student is one point.

23 (3) A student that does not meet the requirements of
24 subparagraph (1) or (2) is two points.

25 *c.* This subsection shall be applied on a per extracurricular
26 interscholastic activity basis.

27 4. An organization shall evaluate classifications pursuant
28 to this section a minimum of once every two school years.

29 EXPLANATION

30 The inclusion of this explanation does not constitute agreement with
31 the explanation's substance by the members of the general assembly.

32 This bill relates to the expenditure of public moneys for
33 dues or membership fees to high school organizations that do
34 not meet certain requirements concerning school classifications
35 for extracurricular interscholastic activities.

1 The bill defines "extracurricular interscholastic activity"
2 as a contest or competition for academics, arts, music, speech,
3 or sports between different schools and outside the regular
4 scope of a school's curriculum.

5 The bill defines "organization" as a corporation,
6 association, or organization which has as one of its primary
7 purposes the sponsoring or administration of an extracurricular
8 interscholastic activity, but does not include an agency of
9 this state, a public or private school or school board, or an
10 athletic conference or other association whose interscholastic
11 contests or competitions do not include more than 24 schools.

12 The bill prohibits a school district or charter school
13 from expending any moneys to pay dues or membership fees to
14 a high school organization after January 1, 2024, unless
15 the organization, for the purposes of an extracurricular
16 interscholastic activity, classifies each school participating
17 in an extracurricular interscholastic activity for each
18 school year beginning on or after July 1, 2023, based on the
19 adjusted enrollment and the school's recent performance in
20 the respective extracurricular interscholastic activity.
21 Adjusted enrollment is based on the total point value of
22 the roster of students participating in the extracurricular
23 interscholastic activity team. Point values for public school,
24 not including charter school, students are based on a student
25 and the student's parent or guardian's residence and how long
26 the students have been registered at a school. Point values
27 for nonpublic school and charter school students are based
28 on how long a student has been registered in a school system
29 associated with the nonpublic school in which the student
30 participates in extracurricular interscholastic activities.
31 Schools must provide rosters to an organization at a time
32 prior to the beginning of competitions for a school year.
33 Classifications based on performance must be applied on a
34 per extracurricular interscholastic activity basis and must
35 be evaluated by the organization a minimum of once every two

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1 school years. The bill contains a similar requirement for the
2 expenditure of any moneys originating from the state by an
3 accredited or unaccredited nonpublic school.